

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE
MARTINEZ

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michelle Martinez, Detroit resident and environmental justice warrior from Michigan's 13th District Strong as she departs as executive director from the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition.

For many years, Michelle has been a pillar of our community, advocating for clean air and water, and fighting the environmental racism that hurts our neighbors' quality of life. Michelle has drawn inspiration to pursue this work from her travels, studies, and the community where she lives. She has worked tirelessly for various organizations over the past fifteen years and has never wavered in seeking justice for the people who live with the effects of pollution.

I worked closely with Michelle on a number of initiatives when I served in the Michigan State Legislature and have continued our relationship through my time in Congress, and it has been amazing to see her grow as an advocate and leader. Whether it's fighting to route truck traffic and diesel emissions away from residential neighborhoods or helping to bring national attention to adverse health effects in Michigan's most polluted neighborhood, Michelle has led the way in finding solutions. She always taken a bold approach to making transformative change for our communities and never shies away from a challenge. Michelle is a shining example of what it means to speak truth to power, and we are so fortunate to have her in our lives.

Please join me in recognizing Michelle Martinez's outstanding contributions to the communities of Michigan's 13th Congressional District as we wish her well on her next venture.

**HONORING CHAIRMAN HARVEY
GODWIN, JR. OF THE LUMBEE
TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR
HIS EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY**

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Harvey Godwin, Jr., for his exceptional leadership and service in his community and as Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Chairman Godwin went on to become the owner and CEO of both Two Hawk Employment Services, LLC and Two Hawk Workforce Services. He has also held many leadership positions on state and local boards and committees, including the positions of Chairman for the Robeson Community College Foundation Board of Directors

and Secretary of the North Carolina Workforce Development Board Association. Chairman Godwin's impressive background in management was a real asset during his tenure as Tribal Chairman.

Since the start of his tenure in 2016, Chairman Godwin's vision and leadership has served to strengthen, protect, and uplift the Lumbee Tribe. To further preserve Lumbee culture and history, he restored the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center in a project that featured the construction of a new playground and community garden as well as renovations to the swimming pool and amphitheater. His leadership has also proved paramount for the physical and economic security of the tribe. Most notably, he administered essential hurricane relief efforts and secured over \$58 million in federal funding, including Title VI funding from U.S. Housing and Urban Development for the construction of many new homes across Lumbee territory. Furthermore, Chairman Godwin's consistent advocacy played a pivotal role in passage of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. I was honored to play a small role. He has built and maintained bipartisan relationships in Washington that I believe will eventually result in the Lumbee Tribe finally being granted the federal recognition that is long overdue.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Chairman Godwin for his committed and impactful leadership. I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family continued success and happiness.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Harvey Godwin, Jr. for his six years of service as Lumbee Tribe Chairman and lifelong commitment to supporting his community.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE
ZEPPIERI**

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of a passionate family man and faithful community servant, Dr. Joe Zeppieri of Groton, Connecticut. A dedicated member involved in local politics, Joe passed away on December 4, 2021 after 77 full and loving years. His loss is significant for the Town of Groton.

Born to Paul Zeppieri and Ella Buonanno Zeppieri in 1943, Joe was destined to live an accomplished life with a strong sense of duty. He was a lifelong learner who graduated from Groton's own Fitch High School and went on to attend several institutions of higher education including Providence College, Tufts University School of Medicine, and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine before immersing himself with a career in the medical field. Within those years of schooling, Joe was able to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, Paula, who would shortly thereafter become Mrs. Zeppieri in 1967. Grounded by these roots, Joe went on to serve our country in the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander as both a doctor on the USS *John Marshall* and then chief medical officer on the USS *Fulton*.

Upon completing his stint in the Navy, Dr. Zeppieri settled back down in the Town of Groton. He used his penchant for knowledge to help other people with their own health and well-being, working in the field of orthopedic surgery all the way into the new millennium.

Of course, simply one field of expertise would never have been sufficient for someone such as Joe. Upon his retirement from the medical field, Dr. Zeppieri reinvigorated his passion for education. He completely shifted gears, working hard to obtain yet another degree from Western New England—this time, in the field of law. Paula and the family remained his rock during this period, and he was sure to gravitate back home every week while working to achieve his new merits. After obtaining a JD from Western New England, Joe worked at the local law firm of Stephen M. Reck and Scott D. Camassar before opening his own firm. He operated in the incredibly complicated field of medical malpractice, adding another notch to his belt of service by advocating on behalf of those who received improper healthcare in the courtroom. As a retired doctor himself, Zeppieri had a perspective that enabled him to become a natural success in this new line of work and hold his former industry to fair standards.

Outside of the courtroom, Joe Zeppieri's care for his fellow community members really began to shine through into his latest years. He always had his finger on the pulse of Groton, leading him to municipal service on the City of Groton's Board of Zoning Appeals. In 2017, he was elected town councilor—a form of service that he would keep up with until his final days. Fellow Groton residents and stakeholders that were lucky enough to have known or collaborated with Joe can attest to his loving character, his integrity, dependable expertise, fairness, and ability to keep the discussion level-headed. At the end of the day, Joe was someone who could be relied upon to advocate for and focus the discussion on the community services that held the greatest impact on the health and vibrance of the Groton community.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to know of constituents as dedicated as Dr. Joe Zeppieri. Joe's service to his community has taken several forms—whether it was through the Navy, medical field, courtroom, or municipal government. His greatest contributions, however, originated from his honed expertise, which enabled him to change the lives of countless individuals forever. Though we mourn the void left in his wake, we ought to remember Joe's lifelong contributions and the value he placed in the things that truly have an impact on people's lives for the better. In that sense, we should also find gratitude in the strength of Joe's family ties and trust that his surviving family—his wife Paula, children Christopher, Michael, and Laura and their respective partners, and nine grandchildren—and his fellow community members will reverberate the memory and legacy of Joseph Zeppieri for generations to come. To assist in this endeavor, I ask that my colleagues and the House join me in setting Joseph Zeppieri's memory further into stone, and thank him for his life full of love and service.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H.R. 4350

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise as Congress considers the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to highlight a concern with some language in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350 that passed this chamber earlier this year, and which I voted to support. Included in the House bill's report is direction to the Secretary of Defense to study and issue a report on "DoD Logistics and Potential Benefits of Carsharing" for servicemembers. In carrying out the study, I believe the Department of Defense must objectively evaluate not only potential benefits, but also potential risks peer-to-peer car-sharing might pose to our servicemembers and families. For example, I am concerned about potential predatory lending practices to the extent that peer-to-peer car-sharing platforms encourage individual vehicle owners to go out and acquire vehicles for the sole purpose of renting a small "fleet" of vehicles on such platforms; the collection and remission of transactional sales and excise taxes on behalf of vehicle owners in states without laws expressly requiring the platform to do so, which could impact a servicemember's tax liability; and, cybersecurity for servicemembers or their families' personal and financial data. The bottom line is that I believe the Department of Defense, in carrying out the study described in the House Armed Services Committee Report accompanying H.R. 4350, must consider potential risks, in addition to the potential benefits, of peer-to-peer carsharing among our servicemembers.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. ELOIS LEWIS EDGE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Elois Lewis Edge of Albany, Georgia, who will be retiring after a distinguished, 43-year career as a nurse, midwife, and instructor serving the families and communities of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Edge has been a Certified Nurse Midwife at Albany Area Primary Health since 2009. Before that, she worked at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for 30 years. In these positions, Dr. Edge earned the gratitude of thousands of expectant mothers for her skillful assistance, compassionate care, and warm personality.

Dr. Edge also attained distinction in academia as well. She earned her Associate Arts in Nursing at Darton State University in Albany, which was followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia; a Certificate of Midwifery from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky; a Master of Science in Nursing from Case

Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio; and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Kentucky. While Dr. Edge was receiving her degrees, she was teaching future generations of medical professionals at Georgia Southwestern University and Frontier Nursing University.

Shirley Chisholm often said that: "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Dr. Edge paid her rent and she paid it well. The world is a much brighter place due to the thousands of children Dr. Edge has helped usher into the world, either directly as a midwife, or by virtue of the instruction she provided to the scores of midwives and nurses who learned their trade from her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the over 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in honoring Dr. Elois Lewis Edge on her outstanding career and upon the occasion of her retirement. We wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEXICAN AMERICANS

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans.

For 50 years, AAMA has helped Latinos achieve their potential.

AAMA has motivated Latino youth to finish school and encouraged many to go on to college.

As a Mexican American, I know first-hand how important it is to have someone fighting for you on your path to success.

AAMA has always fought for every single one of our children, especially the most at risk and marginalized among us. Truly never has one been forgotten or left out.

For half a century, if you were working for the greater good in Houston's East End, then you have been a part of AAMA's work or been a fruit of AAMA's labor.

AAMA has helped unlock the American Dream for countless American Latinos. It has established itself as the heart of the Houston community.

So today, I want to thank everyone who has served at AAMA for their incredible passion and dedication.

Your service to the Latino community has been extraordinary.

I look forward to what the next 50 years will bring to the AAMA and to Latinos everywhere.

SALUTING FIT'S CYBERSECURITY TEAM FOR EXTRAORDINARY FIRST PLACE FINISH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Florida Institute of Technology's

Cyber League Team, FITSEC, for their extraordinary perfect score and first place finish in the Fall 2021 National Cyber League team tournament on November 7, 2021.

The National Cyber League team tournament is a biannual national competition in which 650 institutions around the country face off to solve simulations of real-life cybersecurity problems. The National Cyber League assesses a team's ability to address nine critical cybersecurity workforce categories outlined in the NIST NICE Cybersecurity Framework and the NSA Knowledge Units. This year more than 3,900 teams competed, with our hometown team clinching the victory.

The Florida Institute of Technology of Melbourne, FL, in my district, is leading the way in cybersecurity research and education and has been recognized as a National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE-R) in Cyber Defense Research.

Their rigorous undergraduate Cyber Operations Concentration, modeled after the NSA Cyber Operations Knowledge Units, is developing bright young minds that will most certainly be among our nation's future leaders. It is good to know that students right here in Brevard County will soon help solve the problems of tomorrow, like countering unchecked foreign threats and filling the shortages in this growing field already identified by the federal government.

The 2021 Florida Institute of Technology's team was coached by Dr. TJ O'Connor and consisted of two graduate and five undergraduate students in Computer Science, including Blake Janes, Carl Mann, Dave Breeden, Isaiah Thomas, Logan Suarez, Stephanie Wood, and Tiffanie Petersen.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating FIT and these student leaders on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE BAY SPRINGS BULLDOGS AS MHSAA 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Bay Springs Bulldogs and Coach Dan Brady on their MHSAA 1A State Championship victory. Although the Bulldogs have reached the playoffs multiple times, Coach Brady led the talented team to a 32-12 victory over Simmons High School. I commend Coach Brady for his success at the helm of the Bulldogs football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them